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1. DR. R. E. REICHENBACH OF THE EUROPEAN RESEARCH OFFICE, U.S. ARMY, LONDON, RECENTLY ATTENDED THE THIRD INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON AIR BREATHING ENGINES IN MUNICH, GERMANY. AT THE CONFERENCE HE WAS APPROACHED BY DR. GHASSAN J. FAHMI, A MECHANICAL ENGINEER WHO APPEARS TO BE CONNECTED WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF BAGHDAD, IRAQ. FAHMI SOUGHT REICHENBACH'S ADVICE ON BUILDING UP ADVANCED EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES IN IRAQ FOR POST GRADUATE STUDIES IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. FAHMI STATED THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE OUTSIDE HELP IN ORGANIZING RESEARCH AND TEACHING FACILITIES AND THAT THEY HAVE MONEY AVAILABLE FOR THIS PURPOSE.

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2. THE APPROACH BY FAHMI DOES SEEM TO PRESENT AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION BETWEEN THE U.S. AND IRAQ, IF THIS IS OF INTEREST AND FALLS WITHIN SCOPE OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES. WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE AS TO WHETHER SUCH COOPERATION SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED AND IF SO WHAT THE NEXT STEP SHOULD BE FROM THE U.S. SIDE. ARMSTRONG UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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